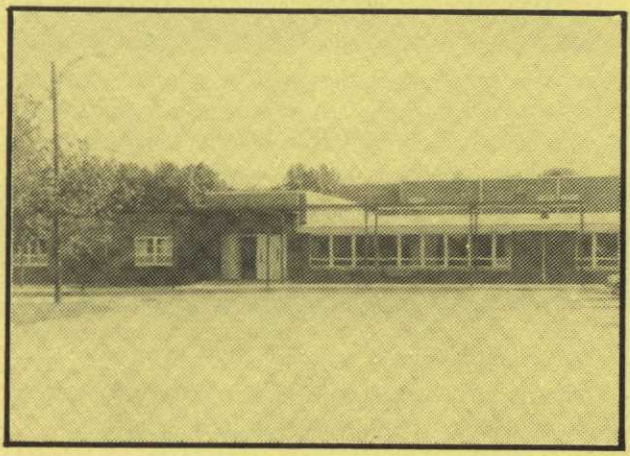
Welcome To

Liberty Elementary School

130 North Liberty Street
Hobart, Indiana 46342



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This brochure is designed to provide you with some brief but relevant information about Liberty Elementary School, especially the 1980 project of building expansion and renovation.

Liberty was constructed and opened in the fall of 1949. This original section contained six classrooms, an office, and a multi-purpose or cafeteria room. In 1955 and 1958, it was necessary to add six and seven classrooms respectively. In 1964, four classrooms were added to Liberty making a total of twenty-four classrooms or 36,229 square feet.

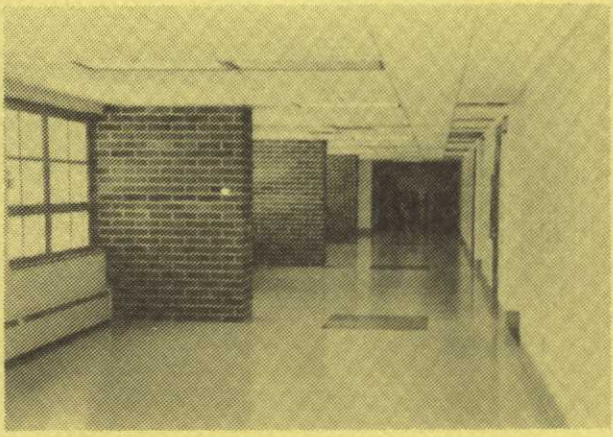
In 1978, the Board of Trustees of the School City authorized the architectual firm of W. J. Bachman & Partners to conduct a building-condition survey based on the criteria of construction and maintenance, energy conservation, life safety, and handicap accessibility.

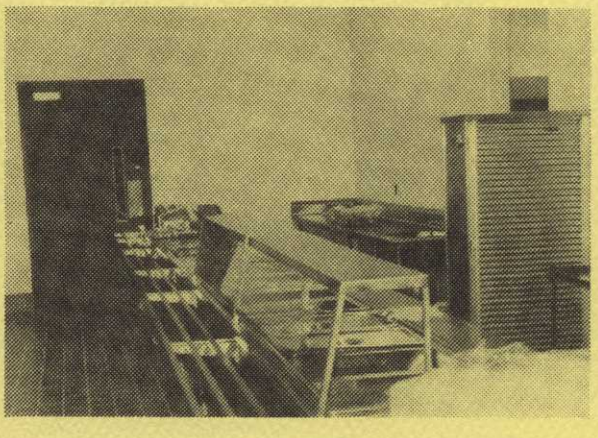
The survey of the 1949 section of the Liberty building revealed some severe inadequacies that did not lend themselves to efficient, feasible repair. For example, the complete heating and electrical service had to be replaced. The entire roof was judged to need complete replacement. The outside walls of this 1949 section were judged inadequate to support prevalent roofing materials. After presenting this information to the community in several meetings held throughout the area and following prolonged and serious deliberations, the Board of School Trustees decided to enter into this present building project at Liberty that would remove from the premises the 1949 section of the building and that would utilize the major portion of the present primary playground behind the school to expand the Liberty physical facilities.

In the new addition to Liberty are the six classrooms, a gymnasium, and a separate cafeteria. This arrangement will enhance both the physical/recreational and food service programs. The new office area will help the principal and his office staff to help receive you as visitors and patrons in a more pleasant and serviceable atmosphere. The library will nearly be doubled in size and will be of ready access to all points of the building. The floor plan helps the uninterrupted movement of students and staff through the building. It is important to inform you that the new heating/circulating and electrical system will service not only the new addition but the remaining 1955, 1958 and 1968 sections. These systems will lend themselves to energy efficiency and a more universal and comfortable temperature and air environment. Because the expanded facilities have used a large section of play area, the isolated portable on Hickey Street has been removed to make room for needed play area.

It is sincerely hoped that this facility pleases you and provides services for you and your children in the years ahead. This facility will help to further the philosophy of this elementary school which speaks of teachers helping teachers to help kids - a timely child-centered school environment.

The cost of this Liberty project was $2,010,975.29. We trust that such an investment for our youngsters is a wise and beneficial one.





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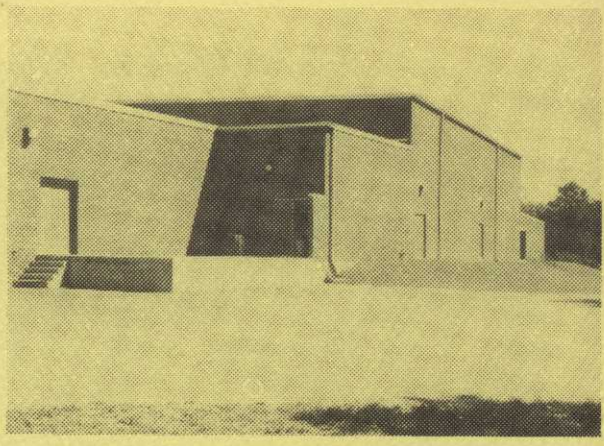

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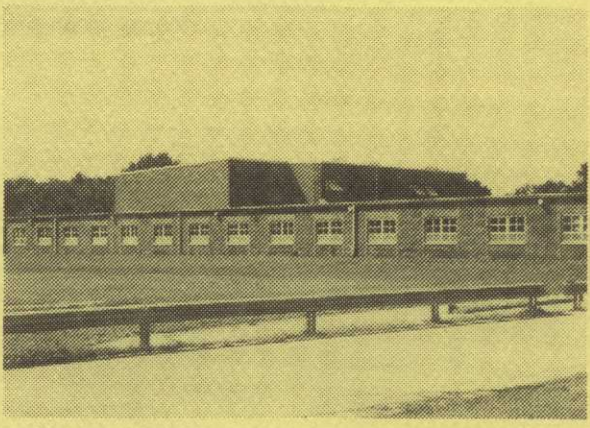

The philosophy of Liberty School speaks of teachers helping teachers helping kids. An attempt is made to teach children at their instructional level. Respect for self and others is a school goal as is, *"trying, is moving forward."*

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